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Cautious optimism expressed over funding formula but questions remain

by Ariel White

The future may not be as bleak as anticipated for Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

After an initial review of the Ministry of Education funding formula for the next three years, the board is cautiously optimistic about the future of education in Haliburton, Victoria and Muskoka.

The Superintendent of Finance, Al Ingram, has been reviewing the funding formula since it was released Wednesday and says that it will take some time to break down the figures and information. "We are going to need weeks and possibly months to sort out how it will all be allocated," said Ingram. "Whether it is enough or it isn't we will have to live with it."

Ingram's biggest concern is with the lack of specific information regarding the allocation of funding. "We don't have the definite information to go with the different categories. This is the type of information we need. For example, does the computers portion cover equipment or technical staff?" says Ingram. "Those are the specifics we need."

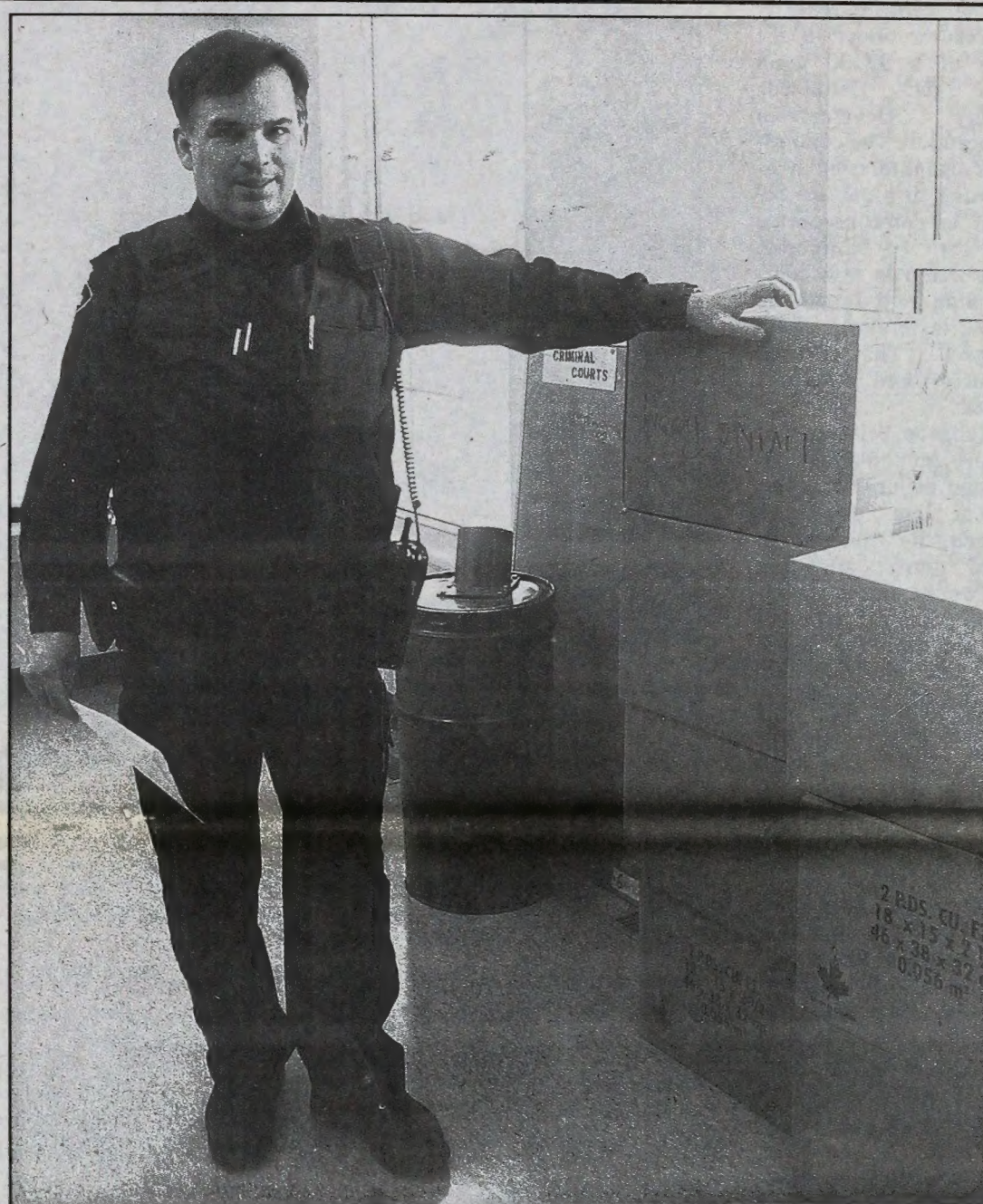
The translation of the model is further complicated by the change to a new fiscal year, for school boards across

the province, which will run from September to August now as opposed to current fiscal year from January to December.

According to the school board, the Ministry has allocated over \$140,000,000 in transfer payments, each year for the next three years. The board will receive \$140,466,655 for 1998-99, \$140,326,274 for 1999-00 and \$141,331,511 for 2000-01. The transfer payments have been divided into a foundation grant and a series of special purposes grants, which in turn are categorized into several specific grant areas: Language, Special Education, Early Learning, Learning Opportunities, Geographic and School Authorities, Teacher Compensation, Adult and Continuing Education, Transportation, School Board Administration and Pupil Accommodation. According to Ingram, there needs to be additional information from the ministry regarding the regulations for the allocation of the funding. (A chart outlining the allocations appears on page four of this week's edition.)

Trillium Lakelands School Board Chair Cheryl Murdoch has assessed the funding formula information and agrees that it will take a lengthy re-

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Let the unpacking begin

March 23 was the official day, but as anyone who has packed up and moved knows, transporting all the boxes is the easy part. Constable Dave Hall was on hand when the load arrived at the new OPP Detachment office and was looking forward to settling despite all the unpacking and sorting yet to come. The Minden Detachment is now located in a portion of the Ministry of Natural Resources office on Highway 35, just north of the former location.

Dressing up downtown with big art

A committee of Minden residents is out to paint the town.

The group has announced plans to paint murals on a number of blank walls in the community.

The Minden Mural Committee believes that its project will be a great way to promote local artists and history while helping economic development.

The idea came from Larry Hodgson of the Minden Museum committee. He thought it would be an excellent project for the committees of the County Town Museum and the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, two groups which share space at the corner of Bobcaygeon Road and Parkside Street, to work on together.

"I think that this is a perfect blend of art and history," said Hodgson. "We really don't celebrate our

heritage. And we don't celebrate our art and the talent of our county." Hodgson has been working on the project since November 1997.

He and Claudio Mestroni of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery have researched the concept of community murals. They visited downtown Oshawa, a community that has an extensive mural program. The City of Oshawa has 15 murals throughout the downtown core and is planning a festival of murals for this summer.

According to Hodgson, the downtown area of Oshawa and Minden have shared the same problem in the past. "Oshawa suffered basically the same fate as Minden," said Hodgson. "Their downtown core died as a result of the Oshawa shopping centre and Minden's core has suffered because of the by-pass." He be-

lieves that if murals can help Oshawa, they can't hurt Minden.

After reviewing the research gathered from the visit to Oshawa, both Hodgson and Mestroni feel this is the type of project that can do nothing but good for Minden and Haliburton County. "We have been sitting with some really good people who have been behind us on this project. Minden has been here a long time and I think that this would put Minden on the map," said Mestroni.

The mural committee hopes to produce two murals each year for the next five years. The first mural is already being discussed and is hoped to be well on its way to completion by July.

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Murals could bring new life to Minden's core

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The project recently received a boost in the form of a \$2500 grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation. The committee is also interested in attempting to pique the interest of some corporate sponsors. "Corporate sponsorship is a wonderful thing and it can be done tastefully," said Hodgson. "That is what we really need to get this started."

Hodgson believes that this project could help encourage economic development in downtown Minden, by creating an added tourist attraction that would entice travelers to come off the highway and into the downtown area. Mestroni likes to think of the project as an attraction for the year-round residents of the village as well.

Hodgson and Mestroni hope that many local artists will show interest when the project goes to tender. The committee would prefer to have a local artist paint the murals. It would serve as a showcase for their talent as well as a chance to have someone from the community express his or her interpretation of Minden life.



Larry Hodgson and Claudio Mestroni examine examples of murals installed in Oshawa. The pair are members of a committee which hopes to see murals added to the walls in downtown Minden.

As the project is a collaborative effort between the museum and the art gallery, it is hoped that the it will reflect an artistic expression of the marriage of the natural his-

tory and everyday life of the residents of Minden.

The mural committee will be holding an open house for the public to discuss various options for the project. The meet-

ing will be held April 2 at the common room of the Library Cultural Centre. All residents and interested individuals are invited to hear about the work of the group.

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At 98, Tom Cox has watched the century unfold

by Jerry Grozelle

When Tom Cox came into the world, Victoria was nearing the end of her 63-year reign as Britain's Queen; Sir Wilfrid Laurier was the seventh prime minister of Canada; the first Model T Ford was eight years away from production; and Albert Einstein was about to graduate as a teacher of mathematics and physics. The year was 1900, seven years before the first Rolls Royce Silver Ghost was built in Tom's country of birth, England.

Tom Cox, a resident of Minden since 1965, will be celebrating his 98th birthday on Wednesday, April 1. During his lifetime, he has seen transportation advance from the horse and buggy era to the space shuttle. Communication has advanced from an age when it took weeks to get a letter farther than an address within the same city to a time when we can watch events as they happen half way around the world, via satellite, from the comfort of our own living rooms.

At the age of three, Tom began his formal education in his home town of Rosliston, Burton On Trent. His mother was a teacher, which accounts for his early enrollment. Junior Kindergarten wouldn't be implemented for another 75 years or so.

As a young adult, Tom worked in a greenhouse from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. mostly pulling weeds. It was there he worked with a man who was deaf and couldn't speak. He quickly learned to sign so he could communicate with his co-worker. Making some motions with his hands, he said, "I felt quite proud about that. I can still do it."

One of Tom's first sojourns into the working world was in a coal mine, where he worked at several jobs. One of the first assignments was working with a Welsh pony, drawing coal out of the mine shafts to a rail car.

"The horse I got was a wicked bugger," Tom recalls. "Nobody wanted to work with it."

On his way to work each day, Tom recalls he went past a market garden where they grew carrots. He learned that he could get the obstinate pony to co-op-

erate by offering a carrot or two at the appropriate time.

"I got a bonus for handling that pony," he said.

Unfortunately for the pony, it failed to negotiate a corner one day, suffering a broken neck when it collided with the mine shaft wall.

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that it had never originated there. It was finally determined that the shirt had been purchased someplace other than Eatons and it came to Tom's department. It was up to him to advise the person who had returned the shirt that it wasn't a product that Eatons handled.

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Tom Cox with his wife Lilian in Toronto.

erate by offering a carrot or two at the appropriate time.

"I got a bonus for handling that pony," he said.

Unfortunately for the pony, it failed to negotiate a corner one day, suffering a broken neck when it collided with the mine shaft wall.

"It wasn't my fault," he insists.

After trying several jobs, both underground and above ground, Tom decided that life in the coal mines wasn't his first choice as a career. In fact, it was way down the list.

"I didn't like working in the mine," he said.

Tom had an uncle who had immigrated to Canada. During a visit to England, his uncle George asked him if he wanted to continue working in the mine or if he had other ambitions. Tom said he thought at the time that he might like to be a mechanic.

So, at the age of 23, he found himself on a boat, bound for Canada. He left his family behind, including two brothers and one sister, all of whom were younger than himself, to start a new adventure.

Uncle George, who lived in Toronto, had a friend who worked for Eatons and soon after he moved in with his uncle, Tom had a job there, packaging orders in the mail order department.

"I only worked there for a short time and I was laid off," Tom recalls. "But I was only laid off for two weeks when they called me back and I worked for Eatons for 40 years."

With the exception of a stint of six or seven months in Montreal, Tom worked in Toronto. He was one of 20 people who went to Montreal when Eatons opened a mail order facility there. But the job in La Belle Province wasn't to his liking and he came back to Toronto.

During his 40 years with Eatons, there were many humorous memories, but one anecdote that sticks in his mind had to do with the return of a shirt. It seems a customer returned a shirt for some reason. The shirt was passed around to officials from two or three different departments, all of whom insisted

that it had never originated there. It was finally determined that the shirt had been purchased someplace other than Eatons and it came to Tom's department. It was up to him to advise the person who had returned the shirt that it wasn't a product that Eatons handled.

A letter was drafted explaining that the shirt had not been purchased at Eatons and therefore, the company would not be able to offer an exchange or refund. The letter was given to a typist and sent to the customer, apparently without the benefit of a proofreader. The letter had already been sent when Tom received a copy and he discovered that the typist had inadvertently left the "r" out of the word shirt. It generated quite a few chuckles among his co-workers. Apparently the customer either had a sense of humour or failed to notice the typo.

"We never heard back from him," Tom says.

After a couple of years at his uncle's home, Tom decided to move out. He rented a room from another family. His new home had a special feature that Tom soon learned to appreciate. Her name was Lilian Acton-East, daughter of the owner.

"We started to go out together," Tom said, adding that the romance developed

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Board pleased with initial assessment of formula

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view before the board will be able to establish the full impact of the new funding formula. "It needs some interpretation before we will be able to get through this," says Murdoch. But it could have been worse."

Murdoch also stated that she felt that the Geographic and School Authorities grant, which covers rural and small schools, recognizes schools outside of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). "There seems to be a little more attention paid to the rural areas, which is a positive sign," said Murdoch. The Trillium Lakelands School Board will receive \$2,686,882 under the Geographic and School Authorities special purpose grant.

One of the greatest concerns with the new formula, was adequate funding for junior kindergarten. Currently Muskoka is the only area within the newly amalgamated board which provides junior kindergarten. The Trillium Lakelands school board had already begun to advertise for registration for September of 1998, in hope that the funding formula would take junior kindergarten into account. Both Ingram and Murdoch appear sanguine about the prospects of junior kindergarten in the future. "It appears to be close to what we would require for the program but there needs to be more information "We are not definite about junior kindergarten, but it does look positive. But when things are delayed like this, you are always leery about them."

(More school board news on page 19.)

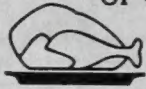
The chart below, provided by the Ministry of Education and Training, outlines how the transfer grant to the Trillium Lakelands School Board will be allocated over the next three years.

	1997 Net Expenditure	% of category	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	% of category
CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION						
Classroom Teachers	67,065,912	50.5%	64,988,908	65,548,135	65,034,075	49.3%
Supply Teachers	1,507,586	1.1%	1,780,514	1,795,916	1,809,285	1.4%
Teacher Assistants	4,355,833	3.3%	3,105,797	3,129,572	3,152,970	2.4%
Textbooks and Classroom Supplies	4,535,905	3.4%	5,013,276	5,056,897	5,084,542	3.8%
Computers	1,667,679	1.3%	1,615,365	1,630,359	1,642,526	1.2%
Professionals & Para-professionals	903,970	0.7%	2,613,683	2,635,767	2,655,389	2.0%
Library & Guidance	1,976,769	1.5%	3,186,059	3,213,789	3,237,713	2.4%
Staff Development	267,970	0.2%	298,331	300,936	303,177	0.2%
Sub-total	82,281,623	61.9%	82,602,923	83,309,502	83,929,687	62.7%
NON-CLASSROOM						
Preparations Time	9,965,785	7.5%	9,610,529	8,772,431	8,837,735	6.6%
Principals & Vice Principals	5,779,432	4.3%	6,137,376	6,190,878	6,236,954	4.7
Department Heads	855,249	0.6%	515,965	236,951	238,725	0.2%
School Secretaries	3,316,845	2.5%	3,390,634	3,420,237	3,445,698	2.6%
Teacher Consultants	1,122,646	0.8%	1,083,143	1,092,498	1,100,631	0.8%
Trustees	570,852	0.4%	95,000	85,000	85,000	0.1%
Director & Supervisory Officers	1,261,437	0.8%	715,595	721,845	727,219	0.5%
Board Administration	4,111,751	3.1%	3,992,390	4,027,207	4,057,186	3.0%
School Operations	12,695,847	9.5%	12,848,735	12,960,876	13,057,360	9.7%
Continuing Education incl. Summer School	(36,743)	0.0%	159,199	160,597	161,793	0.1%
Transportation	10,975,190	8.3%	11,868,558	11,972,859	12,051,986	9.0%
Sub-Total	50,618,170	38.1%	60,517,127	49,651,389	50,020,299	37.3%
TOTAL OPERATING	132,889,793	100%	133,120,060	132,960,891	133,943,976	100%
Miscellaneous Capital	(68,691)	0	0	0	0	
School renewal	1,736,116		2,152,487	2,171,257	2,187,408	
Debt Charges	5,194,126		5,194,126	5,194,125	5,194,125	
New Pupil Places	193,110		n/a	n/a	n/a	
TOTAL	139,953,453		140,466,564	140,326,274	141,331,511	

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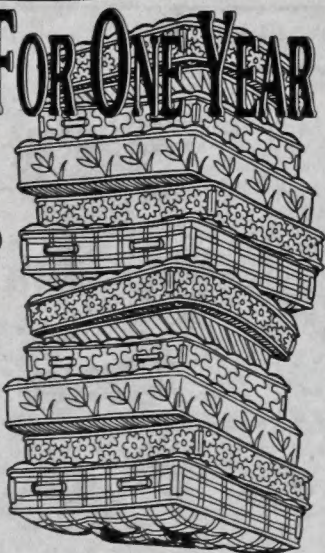
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Editorial Letters

Funding for education

Now that the funding formula for school boards has been announced, the board serving this area can get down to crunching numbers and determining where cuts will have to be made to meet the provincial guidelines. At first glance, according to school board officials, the formula for the board is not as onerous as what was being predicted. However, being from the "don't count your chickens.... the proof is in the pudding" school of government announcement assessment, we reserve final judgement, as do the members of the board. It just isn't clear how the new numbers will

play out against the actual requirements of our education system. The matter is further clouded by the fact it is difficult to compare last year's requirements of three distinct boards with the allotment given to one larger amalgamated board.

One situation which we find worrisome is the requirement that the Trillium Lakelands District Board of Education must hand over up to \$3 million to fund the education of students from its jurisdiction who may wish to receive their education in French. We doubt, and comments

from trustees would appear to strengthen that concern, that there are in fact many students within this district who want to attend a French school. If there are, we doubt that \$3 million is needed to provide that educational experience. By all means, contribute toward the education of students who wish to attend French schools, but the government must be reasonable in its demands and remember there is a looming shortage of funds to support the existing education system, a system which will be used by the vast majority of residents in this district.

jb

Nowhere to turn

Editor:

On the eve of Jean Charest's turn-coat action, I wish to note the following:

1. When a federal Conservative can be welcomed as a provincial Liberal, we see that there is little difference between the two.

2. Any hope of Canadian unity under this marriage is based on the false premise that a compromise is what is needed. If this were true, then a mixture of food and poison is best, or Richard Nixon should have become king of the world.

3. Canadian politics has reached an all-time low where the popular parties no longer represent any ideological differences!

4. I regret to say that Mr. Manning was correct! Jean or Jean, what's the difference?

5. At present there is no political party that represents the interest of those who advocate individual rights.

6. At the present time I am left with the Rhinoceros Party because they at least demonstrate the farce in the whole system.

There seems to be four options open to the serious Canadian voter:

1. The Liberals, who welcome gun control imposed on people who have not created victims and laws that do not punish criminals.

2. The Conservatives who stand for nothing other than a watered-down version of what the others demand or stand for what they think their grandfather would have stood for.

3. The NDP, who seem to be a form of closet Communists who will enslave the competent to temporarily benefit the unworthy.

4. The Reform Party, which seems to welcome anybody as long as you toe the line with a Christian fundamentalist stand.

At present the only reason this country is still alive is that the political parties are too busy fighting themselves to gain control and do more serious damage. If

Outraged

Editor:

Having just read the article on the Women's Emergency House (March 23) having to close I must say that I am outraged.

How can the community let a vital shelter such as this close its doors? This is another prime example of the closed-mindedness of a lot of people in the area. More and more people are developing the attitude that if it does not affect me why should I bother.

I think that the community should band together and hold a series of fund-raisers to make a serious attempt at keeping a vital part of the community alive and functioning.

Jeremy M. Middleton
Eagle Lake.

you wonder why our children have little interest in politics, just look at the strutting peacocks we have as political leaders!

I offer this letter now because I believe in the future and would probably be shot for exposing the truth if present trends continue. I beg you to wake up and stand up for your right to be free from government controls. Do not ask for any government hand-out, no matter how much you feel you need it. In the end, you will have given them the moral justification to loot you dry for their next (noble) cause!

Jim Battarbee,
Minden

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Lands for Life: one person's perspective on government plans for Crown Land

Carolyn Coburn of Minden attended the Lands for Life meetings in Bancroft last week. The following are her impressions.

Lands for Life is an initiative of the provincial government to determine the future of Crown land in Ontario. The round table meetings have been focusing on what uses should be permitted in various areas. They have not been focusing on whether any Crown land should be sold, although that is what people at the meetings want to talk about. And what people are saying is, "Don't sell any of it!"

It is interesting that the public's attention has been drawn to debating what designation will be put on particular parts of the map. This is all beside the point if at the end of the exercise, the government then decides it will sell off parts that don't attract too much attention.

A number of citizens from Haliburton County attended the Lands for Life meeting at the Fish and Game Club in Bancroft last week. There were two sessions on Wednesday, with more than 100 in attendance at each of them.

After a brief introduction by Bob Gray, the Chair, the members of the Round Table introduced themselves. They have a broad

range of experience, and it appears that most sectors of the community are represented: natural resource management, lumber industry, mineral industry, recreational interests (fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, tourism), environmentalists and First Nations.

After the introductions, Mr. Gray gave us a summary of what the Round Table has been hearing. The group has heard that the public wants it to plan for the long term - to act in the interests of grandchildren and our grandchildren's grandchildren - as the Anishnabe would say, "for the Seventh Generation". They have heard how passionate people are about Crown land - we want it to stay in the hands of the Crown - we do not want it sold off - and we want it to be accessible to everyone. They realize that at the same time, we want the rural parts of Ontario to be inhabited, and that means that it has to be possible to make a living from the land.

Mr. Gray also said, "The Round Table has been impressed by the need to protect important parts of our natural heritage, this large area of undeveloped, natural environment is one of the most prized pieces of land on the whole planet and we must not degrade it." I was somewhat

heartened to hear this. It appears that the members of the Round Table understand that such an area could not be recreated once lost. But I still am wary. If it is such prized land, would there not be a temptation by a government bent on balancing budgets to sell off parts of such a prize to private interests that would love to have some for their very own - and who would be willing to pay princely sums?

After Mr. Gray had finished, we were directed to break into seven smaller groups where we spent a couple of hours considering one or two of the four scenarios that have been developed since the first round of public meetings. These scenarios were presented as maps which indicate what parts of the publicly owned lands could be left available for resource extraction (mining and lumbering) and what parts might be protected from resource extraction. Of course, it isn't quite that simple, because there are sub-categories of protection, so it all becomes very confusing. We were asked, "What do you like most about Scenario X? What do you like least about Scenario X? How would Scenario X affect you and your family? How would you improve Scenario X?"

(more on page 8)

Eat sensibly, exercise regularly... and die anyway

The problem with experts is they don't know anything

Anon

Let's see now...booze is bad for you, right? Hold on — a recent study shows that two ounces of alcohol per day might actually be beneficial to your heart. Oh. So booze is good for you. But coffee! We know caffeine does terrible things to the human body. No quarrel about that, is there? Actually, yes. Some experts say that the stimulating effects of coffee can assist the digestive process and contribute to alertness. Oh. So coffee is good for you, too. And anyway, as long as you get enough oat bran you'll be fine. Remember just a few years ago when oat bran was being touted as the new miracle food? Well, the experts re-checked their figures. Turns out oat bran is just...oat bran. Not bad, but not likely to add decades to your life, either.

So what's good and what's bad? That's the problem. You can find an expert to take just about any position. Tobacco manufacturers can even line up M.D.s willing to swear that the dangers of tobacco "have not been conclusively proven."

Anybody who's ever smoked knows smoking may be seductive but it's sure as hell not good for you.

Exercise? It's common knowledge

that exercise is great. Oh yeah? Tell that to James Fixx. If you can get his attention. Fixx practically invented the jogging craze back in the 1970's. He wrote *The Complete Book of Running*. He personally ran 10 miles a day. He gave lectures and made countless TV appearances extolling the virtues of jogging and long-distance running.

Right up until he dropped dead of a heart attack in his running shoes and gym shorts — aged 52.

Well, at least the experts all agree that fatty foods are bad for us right? Cheeseburgers, French fries, pizza, anything with butter on it....

Wrong again. Ladies and gentlemen, may I present one more expert: LuAnn Wandsnider, associate professor of anthropology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Professor Wandsnider has been studying the eating habits of human beings over the past several hundred thousand years. Her conclusion: you might as well enjoy that slab of banana cream pie. You're going to have it anyway.

Professor Wandsnider says our hunger for fatty foods is 'way more than skin deep — it's imbedded in our very genes. She says that human beings have been giving in to their cravings for fatty foods since the dawn of time.

And not just because it tastes so good — because it meant survival of our species. Most of us are descended from prehistoric tribes of hunter-gatherers that subsisted on roots and berries and whatever animals they were fast enough to catch. There wasn't a great deal of fat in such a diet, which made our ancestors really pig out on fat whenever they could.

Thus, the Plains Indians made a point of hunting buffalo after the furry critters had put on lots of fat in the spring. And native people all over the northern part of the continent relished beaver — not for their furs, but for their fatty tails.

Nowadays we may drive to work, sit at a desk all day and eat take-out in the evening, but our genes have a long memory. As far as they're concerned, we're still half-naked, sleeping in caves and wondering where the next square meal is coming from.

So when you reach for that Mars bar, you're not just giving in to a spur of the moment hunger impulse — you're responding to a millenia-old genetic shriek. A shriek that says "Fat! Mmmmmmmmmmmmmmm good!"

"We're sort of like fat-seeking missiles" says Wandsnider. "We just can't help it."

Finally. An expert that tells me what I want to hear. Pass the gravy.

Etcetera

Sale of Crown land is a loss of capital

(from page 7)

They just did not seem to be the right questions, and I'm afraid my group had difficulty focusing on them. We wanted to know things like why clearcutting is still being practised in Northern Ontario. We wanted to know whether the

Looking for a lost relative

Editor:

My grandfather William "Bill" Miller was living at lot 2 block D in Haliburton when he died at age 82 June 13, 1943. He was buried June 15, 1943.

Bill grew up in Haliburton and married Annie Kellett at St George's Church. They left Haliburton with four children in 1880 for Cache Bay and the Porcupine, and after Bill's wife died in South Porcupine in 1930, Bill went back to Haliburton to live with a Kellett relative.

I would like to find where he is buried, and wonder if any of your readers remember William "Bill" Miller. There is a record of his death but no location given as to the cemetery or plot.

Lloyd M Miller,
Huntsville, 705-789-2450

public had a right to use a snowmobile trail (strictly speaking, it does not, because the snowmobile clubs have been given use permits, and the trails become theirs and theirs alone to use). We wanted to know how we could prevent big corporations from using enormous skidders that play havoc with township roads, and then trucking the logs out, contributing virtually nothing to local economies. We were concerned about the really long leases that are being given to companies under the Crown Forest Sustainability Act.

There is a lot of supporting material that has been produced to assist the Members of the Round Table and the public in understanding what is at stake, and what is being proposed. One of them, Lands for Life: Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Planning Area Overview makes passing reference to selling Crown land.

On page 41, in a chapter entitled, Crown Land Management, it states: "The ministry is launching the Strategic Lands Initiative (SLI) to re-engineer and refocus the Crown land disposition program [that's sale, lease or grant] to ensure that it fits the ministry's mission of ecological sustainability and carries out this core business function in the most efficient and effective manner." On the same page, "Crown land management also involves the judicious disposition of rights to some lands for development which provides additional public benefits including: revenue to the provincial treasury."

I've decided I want to find out more about this Initiative. I asked at the meeting, and was told, "The Ministry's always been in the business of selling Crown lands." That didn't make me feel better.

In financial terms (and these are the terms that seem to carry the most weight these days) the Crown lands should be thought of as our commonly held capital. Every prudent economist knows that you don't spend your capital, you live off the interest. So you don't sell your Crown land. Ever. Once it's gone, we'll never get it back.

So if you, dear reader, care about this issue, write to Lands for Life and say so. They may be weighing the mail, so volume counts. If nobody tells them otherwise, our government may think the odd sale of some remote lake and a few hundred acres around it is of no concern to anyone.

For more information, their toll free number is 1 (800) 898-8530. All their publications are available at the MNR Office in Minden or Bancroft or by mail upon request. Their Internet site is: <http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca>. Their e-mail address is: glrt@webmail.mnr.gov.on.ca.

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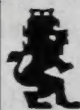
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Bantam OMHA Monarchs win one and tie one

Bantam

Minden's Bantam Monarchs skated to a 1-1 draw against Ops on March 21 in Minden.

Gary Kernohan was the lone Minden marksman, scoring his goal four and a half minutes into the second period. Justin Bull and Jarrett Rowden assisted.

The Bantam Monarchs played host to Bobcaygeon on Tuesday, March 24. Minden came out on top in that encounter, recording a 4-1 victory.

Rowden netted the first Minden goal, from Justin Bull with 4:57 left in the first period.

The second frame was almost over when Shane Walker scored Minden's second goal on an unassisted effort.

The third period was just 51 seconds old when Mitch Johnson notched number three for the Monarchs. Rowden and Bull set that one up. Gary Kernohan added the fourth Minden marker with 1:24 left. Rowden assisted.

Peewee OMHA

The Minden Peewee Monarchs hockey team edged Bobcaygeon 2-1 on Saturday, March 21 in Minden.

Jamie Colliss notched the first Minden marker, from Ben Carpenter and Kyle Aggett. Greg Vanderlip scored the game-winner, from Lance Aggett.

Novice OMHA

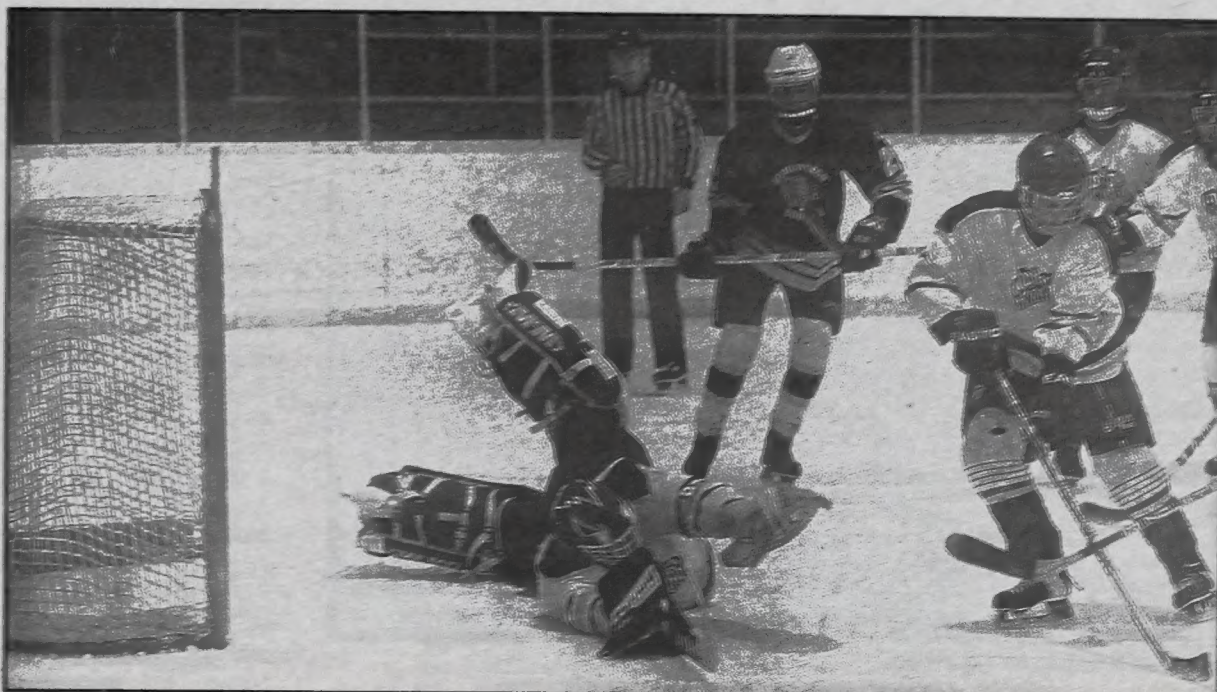
Kody Smith scored two goals and assisted on three more, leading the Minden Novice A Monarchs to a 6-1 victory over Bobcaygeon on March 21 in Minden. The Monarchs scored two goals in each period.

Cody Mills and Smith were the first period snipers, with each assisting on the other's goal. Aaron Keaney also picked up an assist on the Smith goal.

Travis Walker scored an unassisted goal early in the second period and Smith netted his second of the game with 56 seconds left in the frame. Hicks assisted

on Smith's second goal.

Hicks scored Minden's fifth goal midway through the third period, from Walker. Aaron Keaney rounded out the Minden scoring with nine seconds showing on the clock before the final buzzer. Mills and Smith assisted.



SPRAWLING SAVE: Minden Bantam A goalie, Adam Payne, stretches to make the save during a game against the Bobcaygeon Cougars March 24 in Minden. The Monarchs won by a 4-1 score.

Atom Monarchs' season ends with semifinals



ALL-ONTARIO SEMIFINALISTS: Minden's Atom OMHA Monarchs were All-Ontario semifinalists this season. The team includes, front row (l to r): Evan Kernohan, Sean Keaney, Ryan Cole, Matt Allore and Mark Fisher. Back row (l to r): Chad Carpenter, Andrew Bull, Daryl Arbour, David Petch, Jeremy Upton and Darrin Brown. Absent: Kolt Smith

A very successful season has come to an end for the Minden Atom A Monarchs hockey team. The All-Ontario semifinal series came to an end March 21 with a loss to the Tweed Hawks. The Monarchs mounted a valiant battle against the defending All-Ontario champions, losing a couple of close games at home, tying one in Tweed before bowing out with a 7-1 loss in Tweed on the 21st.

"They should be proud of themselves," said coach David Hollows, who led the team to the All-Ontario semifinals in his first year of coaching. "I'm proud of them. They played well and gave it their all."

Hollows said he's proud of the way the Minden boys handled themselves after the final game.

"They all held their heads up and shook hands with the members of the Tweed team," he said. "They acted quite mature."

Hollows said he appreciates the support of the parents of the players

throughout the season.

"They played hard, well and didn't give up," he said.

He thanked the players for their co-operation, as well as assistant coach Dave Rogers and trainer Jeff Carpenter for their assistance and support.

"I learned a lot over the year," Hollows said. "I really enjoyed coaching the team."

Hollows said that if all goes well, he will be back on the bench again next season.

The Monarchs remained in contention for about half of the final game. Tweed scored the lone goal of the first period and added two more in the early stages of the second period. Minden got one back when Kolt Smith converted a set-up from Mark Fisher at the 4:40 mark of the middle frame.

Tweed notched two more before the end of the frame, taking a 5-1 lead into the third. The home team scored twice in the final three minutes to end the season for the Monarchs.

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Don Jackson guest skater for Minden Carnival

The Minden Skating Club is fortunate to have a World Champion and a Canadian Precision Team appearing in this year's carnival on Sunday, April 5th.

The Whitby Ice Fyre Precision Team recently competed at the Canadian Championships in Ottawa where they dazzled the audience with their intricate manoeuvres and footwork. Precision skating is the fastest growing discipline in the world of skating and involves a team of 12 or more skaters who are judged on unison as a team. Lines must be straight, free legs matching, heads facing the same direction and all movements synchronized with the music.

Don Jackson was the Minden Carnival guest skater in 1983 and returns this year having been no slouch at skating in the meantime. He has been heavily involved in the Special Olympics in Ottawa, is skating director of the Minto Skating Club and is currently on a Canadian tour with the NHL Oldtimers where he performs between periods of the hockey games. He has also recently been awarded the Order of Canada for his contribution to sport. By 1961, Don was a three time Canadian, two time North American Champion, Olympic Bronze medallist and two time World Silver medallist. At the 1962 Worlds in Prague, the judges awarded Don a total of seven perfect marks. This performance marked the first time a triple Lutz was landed in international competition, gaining for Don the first Men's World

Figure Skating title for Canada. All this by the time he was 22. Now at 58 years of age he is making a comeback and shooting for gold in the '98 Olym"picks" at the Minden Carnival.

Tickets are available from any Minden Skating Club member.

Scott Moore rolls 331 single

Legion 636 Mixed League

High average: Eric Stearns 183; Leitha Kuchalema 164

High single: Lloyd Brown 277; Bev Johnson 231

High single (handicap): Lloyd Brown 321; Bev Johnson 295

High triple: Lloyd Brown 581; Bev Johnson 545

High triple (handicap): Lloyd Brown 713; Bev Johnson 737

Monday Night Mixed League

High average: Scott Moore 231; Michelle Moore 198

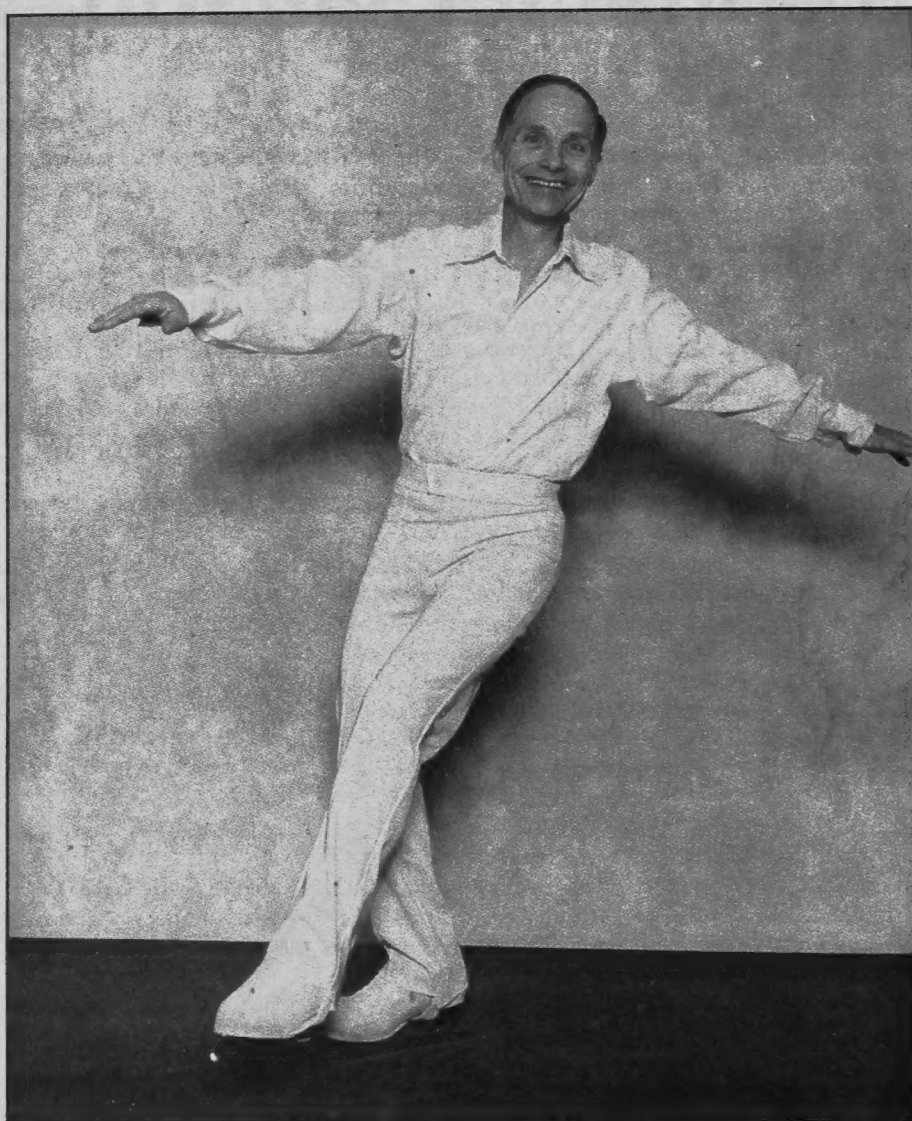
High single: Scott Moore 331; Michelle Moore 238

High single (handicap): Scott Moore 331; Joanne Camelon 274

High triple: Scott Moore 881; Michelle Moore 614

High triple (handicap): Scott Moore

(more on page 14)



RETURNING CHAMP: Canadian skating sensation Don Jackson is returning to Minden as the guest skater for the Minden Carnival. The last time he was guest skater here was 1983. The carnival will be held at the Minden Arena on Sunday, April 5.

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Sweep into Spring ends bonspiel season

by Sandy Cole

Yes, I know spring is finally here because the annual Ladies Sweep Into Spring Bonspiel was held this past weekend. This was a truly marvelous event that included great curling, immense fun and grand entertainment. The survey from all the teams contends that this weekend will go down in history as the finest of them all, until next year, of course. Congratulations to all who took part in this event and we'll see you next year!

Members and their families are reminded to come out to the Skate Night on April 1 at 7 p.m. There will

be on-ice music and bar service, so bring your skates and guards and enjoy a free night of merriment as the ice goes out.

Tickets are now available for the annual Banquet and Awards Night, to be held on April 25. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Curling Club bar or call Kim Wood (286-6045), Sandy Cole (286-3700), Doug Brown (286-4380) or Harvey Kevila (286-3300).

Playoff highlights

Thursday Night Mixed - March 19

Alf Trotter over Nick Comeau; Ted Wilkes over Ross Davies; Ian Cavanagh over George Hewitt; Cheryl

Murdoch over Bob Pollard

Friday Night Mixed - March 20

Cheryl Murdoch over Zelda Cooper; Pat Campbell over Nick Comeau; Brian Cross over Paul Prentice; Jim Garbutt over Mark Lund

Tuesday Night Mens - March 23

Bob Pollard over Dave McAdam; Jim Garbutt over Mark Lund; Dan Garbutt over Keith Oitment; Ted Wilkes over Dwight Thomas

Men's League - March 24

Dan Garbutt over Ted Wilkes; Bob Pollard over Jim Garbutt

Mixed League - March 25

Thursday - Alf Trotter over Ted Wilkes; Cheryl Murdoch over Ian Cavanagh

Friday - Cheryl Murdoch over Pat Campbell; Brian Cross over Jim Garbutt

Mixed League - March 26

Alf Trotter over Cheryl Murdoch; Brian Cross over Cheryl Murdoch

The overall playoff game, between Thursday Night winner Alf Trotter and Friday Night winner Brian Cross, will be held Monday, March 30 at 8 p.m.

The Men's playoff final, between Dan Garbutt and Bob Pollard, will be played Tuesday, March 31 at 8 p.m.



FENELON FOLLIES:

The Minden Skating Club was well represented at the annual Fenelon Follies competition. Among the local participants were, front row, left to right: Ashleigh Schollig, Madeline Stewart and Stephanie Foster. Back row (l to r): McKay Shaw, Jeffrey Brand, Kayla Shaw, Callie Cowan and Brittany Hicks.

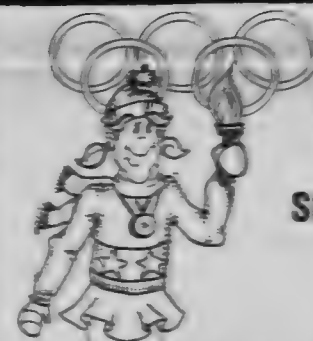


CANSKATE INTERCLUB:

Members of the Minden Skating Club who participated in the Canskate Interclub competition were, front row, left to right: Maddie Mackenzie, Melanie Hawkins, Steffy Mackenzie, Jessica Pottier and Callie Cowan. Back row (l to r): Melanie Stewart, Kayla Shaw, Ashleigh Schollig, McKay Shaw, Jeffrey Brand and Brittany Hicks.

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March 25: Ingoldby U.C.W. ham dinner at the Ingoldby United Church. \$6/person. 5 to 7 p.m.

March 25: Coboconk Minor Baseball Registration for boys and girls ages 4 to 16, upstairs at the Lions Hall. T-Ball - \$10; Softball - \$25; Hardball - \$40. Call for details 454-1131. 7-9 p.m. (Other registration dates March 28 & April 4.)

March 26: Minden Minor Baseball registration at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in the foyer. 7 to 9 p.m.

March 26: General meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers (historic automobile club) at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. New members welcome. 7 p.m.

March 28: Stanhope Soccer League registration for boys and girls aged 5-11, as of January 1, at the Stanhope Firefighter's Hall on North Shore Road. \$20. 1-3 p.m.

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To have your non-profit event listed call 286-4755 with the name, date and time of your event and any other necessary information to the attention of "Community Events". Deadline for submission is Wednesday before Monday's issue.

Family Twosome Tournament winners advance

Youth Bowling Council

by Michelle Moore

Youth bowlers at County Bowling Centre strutted their stuff for their parents on Sunday, March 22 in the annual Family Twosome Tournament. Each twosome competed for top spot in the Zone Rounds, to be held on April 26 at designated bowling centres across the province.

YBC bowlers and their parents who won their respective categories were:

Pee wee Division - Rawn and Tori Brown (mom and daughter)

Bantam Division - Doug and Bradley Brown (dad and son)

Junior Division (two spots available) - Jim and Bradley Mickle (dad and son) and Raylene and Ryan Clarke (mom and son)

Senior Division - Norm and Elizabeth Goldenberg (dad and daughter)

A good day was had by all and congratulations to all moms, dads, grandmothers, aunts and uncles who bowled well and went by the YBC's number one rule of having fun.

Smurf

High average: Connor Cowan 50
High single: Connor Cowan 68

Pee wee

High average: Robert Cox 100; Tori Brown 102
High single: Robert Cox 82; Tori Brown 107
High double: Robert Cox 160; Tori Brown 108

Bantam

High average: Jeff Mickle 157; Lesley Cox 100
High single: Ryan Robinson 116; Lesley Cox 137
High triple: Scott Pollock 319; Lesley Cox 353

Junior

High average: Dennis Cox 184; Kelly Berry 161
High single: Ryan Clarke and Kyle Burley 193; Kelly Berry 161
High triple: Dennis Cox 521; Kelly Berry 432

Senior

High average: Elizabeth Goldenberg 146
High single: Nikki Fomenko 144
High triple: Nikki Fomenko 381

No boys bowled in the senior league.

Junior Kyle Burley rolled four strikes in a row.



TEST STREAM INTERCLUB: Members of the Minden Skating Club who participated in the Test Stream Interclub competition included, front row, left to right: Cindy Malloy, Meaghan Shaw, Vanessa Davis, Kourtney Matysek, Katlyn Hewson, Stephanie Foster, Kerri Matysek and Terri-Lynn Lumley. Back row (l to r): Jasmine Wilson, Keegan Mackenzie, Katrina Matysek, Nathan Greer, Laurie Turner, Krista Matysek, Nicole Perreault and Shona Malloy.



BADGES EARNED: Several members of the Minden Skating Club were awarded badges for their accomplishments on March 25 at the Minden Arena. Among those who received badges were, front row, left to right: Robin Lennox, Maddie Mackenzie, Jon Pawson, Coral Pratt, Melanie Shapiera, Kristiana Walker and Katie Findeis. Middle row (l to r): Chantal Cyr, Gabrielle Evans, Kelci Haley, Zack Harrison, Brett Hicks, Brittany Hicks and Robbie Hicks. Back row (l to r): Victoria Hillier, Joey Findeis, Greg Clements, Luc Bosviet, Joanna Coles, Nikki Manuge and Katelin Cowan. Absent: R.J. Schell, Chelsea Robinson, Brady Kent and Erica MacMartin.

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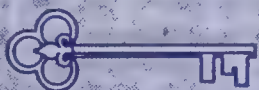
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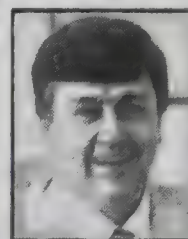
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Agreement bridges health services transition

County Council has endorsed a letter of agreement between itself and the Haliburton Highlands Health Services which reaffirms the county's guarantee of an interest-free loan for the capital project to redevelop the Haliburton Hospital and Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, the latter to include the health services currently provided at the Minden Hospital.

The county passed a resolution in 1997 guaranteeing funds up to \$5-million for the capital project. That figure was revised to \$5.5-million and the resolution amended later at the March 25 meeting. A second motion on June 18 of 1997 supported the transfer of Hyland Crest to the HHHS at such time as legislation allows.

The letter of agreement states that the parties are now committed to the following:

• The County of Haliburton will provide the HHHS with up to \$5.5-million on an interest free loan basis to be repaid over a period of years to be arranged by the parties concerned.

• The governance and ownership of Hyland Crest will be transferred to the HHHS on the completion of construction and the passage of enabling amendments to the Homes for the Aged Legislation.

• All equipment and assets currently belonging to the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home and therefore, belonging to the County of Haliburton, may be used as required by the HHHS for use at the Haliburton Hospital or other locations under its governance.

• The HHHS has final authority and right of decision in furthering the interests of the capital projects, particularly with reference to Hyland Crest.

"This firms up the two resolutions we passed in 1997," said County Warden Murray Fearrey.

Nick Boekestyn's 264 tops Tuesday Seniors League

(from page 10)

881; Joanne Camelon 741

Tuesday Seniors Mixed League

High average: Bob Bullen 189; Eleanor Young 175

High single: Nick Boekestyn 264; Theresa Fox 252

High single (handicap): Nick Boekestyn 310; Theresa Fox 298

High triple: Nick Boekestyn 646; Theresa Fox 605

High triple (handicap): Nick Boekestyn 692; Theresa Fox 651

Tuesday Night Mixed League

High average: Fred Cox 214; Cathy Snell 217

High single: Charlie Teljeur 275; Mary-Lou Packard 258

High single (handicap): Charlie Teljeur 321; Mary-Lou Packard 317

High triple: Norm Goldenberg 653; Cathy Snell 677

High triple (handicap): Charlie Teljeur 761; Mary-Lou Packard 726

Wednesday Night Men's League

High average: Scott Moore 234

High single: Len Punt Jr. 297

High single (handicap): Addie Dykstra 301

High triple: Eric Burk 690

High triple (handicap): Gord Darby 696

Thursday Afternoon Seniors League

High average: Jerry Warren 200; Carolyn Beer 173

High single: Addie Dykstra 234; Carolyn Beer 197

High single (handicap): Addie Dykstra 265; Agnes Houghton 265

High triple: Addie Dykstra 631; Carolyn Beer 530

High triple (handicap): Howard Smith 731; Agnes Houghton 668

Thursday Night Mixed League (March 19)

High average: Walt Stegmaier 213; Joan Rivard 182

High single: Walt Stegmaier 275; Janice Hughes 229

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Sharing road expenses and rescuing dogs

The following is a summary of items discussed at the March 23 special meeting of the Somerville Municipal Council. Eight members of the public were in attendance. Deputy Reeve Jack MacDonald was absent.

Caution: Somerville roadwork ahead

Somerville Council heard from Victoria County Engineer P. Jeffery Seaton regarding a variety of topics including local maintenance on county assumed roads and traffic control on Station Street in Kinmount.

Seaton is hoping to enter into an agreement with the northern townships in Victoria County to have them perform maintenance on county roads. "The county is interested in discussing the upcoming road transfer and whether the township is interested in summer and winter maintenance," said Seaton. The county engineer stated that it made more sense for a local roads department to do the work rather than send a crew from the southern section of the county. It was proposed the two tiers would enter into an agreement, where the county would pay the township on a "performance based pricing schedule", by the kilometre or by the amount of materials used on a given job.

Both Reeve Dianne Austin and newly appointed Road Superintendent Pat Russell had concerns about a lack of both equipment and manpower to take over the responsibility of the county roads. Russell stated that with current staff, it takes nine hours to plough all

township roads. Austin suggested that both Seaton and Russell should discuss the offer in greater detail before any recommendations are made by council.

Austin also asked the county engineer for guidance on what to do with traffic on Station Street in Kinmount. Council is concerned for pedestrians crossing the street in the busy summer months.

Some of the possibilities that were suggested were to close the street either permanently or during the summer, as well as reduce the speed limit to 40 kilometres per hour. Pat Russell said he would like to see the street closed. "It would be my recommendation to close it," said Russell. After some discussion, both Russell and Seaton left the meeting to look at the intersection of Station Street and County Road 121, to see what could be done to solve the problem.

Wet dogs and firemen

Council received a letter from the Township of Bexley regarding an unpaid bill from the Bexley Fire Department.

On December 26 the department was called to Shadow Lake between Bexley and Somerville townships to rescue a dog which had fallen through thin ice. Nine firefighters responded to the call. The animal was saved. The fire department issued a bill to Somerville township for \$378.40, a common practice in the past, between the municipalities. The matter was first presented to council on February 17, where council decided to delay payment.

A second letter was issued by Bexley and discussed again at the March 23 meeting. Reeve Dianne Austin suggested that council pay this bill and then pass a resolution withdrawing from any responsibility for the rescue of dogs from water. The municipality is also attempting to contact the owner of the dog to seek reimbursement for the expense..

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ABOVE: Stan Dutka, right, skipped his foursome to a third place finish in the Straw & Stone Bonspiel at the Minden Curling Club. Team members included second Brenda Brunette, vice Noreen Moore and lead Jason Scott. Second place was won by the Dave McAdam rink which included vice Marie Lennard, second Harvey Kivela and lead Gayle Kivela. Fourteen teams competed in the event.

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ABOVE: Skip Ross Davies with the Straw & Stone hardware after winning the bonspiel at the Minden Curling Club. Members of his rink included, lead Joan Davies, left, and Vice skip Katie Parker. Absent for the photo was second Dan Abel.

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PACT graduates

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The OPP PACT program, (Police and Community Together), held the final session for members of community policing committees from across Haliburton County and Kinmount. The seven week program reviews the history of the Ontario Provincial Police, firearms training, search and rescue techniques and other background information of interest to the volunteers. The class received graduation cer-

tificates from OPP Inspector G.W. Thompson of the OPP Headquarters in Orillia.

The volunteers, seen above, included, from the left: front row: Marie Whitefield, Rose Barry, Shirley Sturgess, Susan Hill, Barb Philips and Shirley Hie. Back row: Doug Sturgess, Lawrence Allen, Linda Robitaille, Frank Sokol, Katherine McKenna, Roger Hewson, Gary Henderson, Chris Weedenberg and Cheryl Lafferty. The next PACT program will be held in September.

Elder abuse committee searching for new members

by Ruth Still

The executive of the Haliburton County Elder Abuse Committee, under the chairmanship of Bob Mitchell, met March 24 to set the parameters of the new organization.

The H.C.E.A.C. will develop and implement a plan to recognize, address, and prevent all forms of senior abuse.

With objectives to:

1. ascertain all available existing resources and services
2. educate the community at large in regard to senior abuse
3. develop sources of funding support for this committee
4. communicate our message effectively to the

public.

The executive will include six to ten members; at present there are nine. Ad hoc committees will be created to deal with such issues as resources, publicity, education and finance. The committees will report to the executive. The executive will meet monthly on the fourth Tuesday with the location to be rotated throughout the county. Semi-annual general meetings are planned. The next one will be on April 14, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Echo Hills, Home Support Services in Haliburton.

We are looking for resources to combat Senior Abuse so come prepared to share and to volunteer on the committee in your area of interest. Meantime, numbers to call for assistance are: Y.W.C.A. Women's Safety Network, 457-3355 and Emergency Housing, 457-4257.

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Silent performer talks to Ridgewood students about his craft

He has played off Broadway. He has played in far off places such as Hong Kong and Japan. And now Paul Gaulin had played Coboconk.

Gaulin, a professional mime for over 20 years, performed for an enthralled group of students at Ridgewood Public School.

Gaulin has travelled the world to perform his craft, which he learned after studying for three years in France with famed mime Marcel Marceau. For a time, he also worked with a company which performed in New York, Mexico and China. Although Gaulin was initially a dancer, he found that he enjoyed the challenge of mime. "I found it really fun and exciting," said Gaulin. "There was a time when people were really receptive to mime. As time went on there were cutbacks (to supports) to be made so now I am changing my approach. That's part of the reason I am working with the kids now."

Gaulin demonstrated various techniques involved in the art of mime, including some of the traditional actions such as the wall and climbing stairs. He showed the students how difficult the art form is. "I find kids really enjoy the physical aspect of the show," he said.

Following the main presentation, several students participated in a short workshop where they practised some of the basic routines. The students worked on staying serious during a performance and how to critique each other's work in order to improve their mime skills.

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HCDC grants support a variety of community projects

The Community Economic Development (CED) Committee of the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), has announced approval of a number of financial contributions to several community based projects. These projects include:

- The Haliburton Highlands Sustainable Forestry Association (H.H.S.F.A.), received a \$4,500 contribution towards the development of a constitution and business plan.
- The Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes received a \$4,300 contribution towards the purchase of uniforms.
- The Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists received a \$595 contribution to support the construction of an interpretive display board at the Snowdon Park.
- The Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails received a \$3,000 contribution to support the extension of the lighted ski trail in Glebe Park.
- The Haliburton Highlands Games received a \$1,500 contribution towards the cost of demonstration of military drills and battle tactics by the Canadian

Military Society to take place during the annual games.

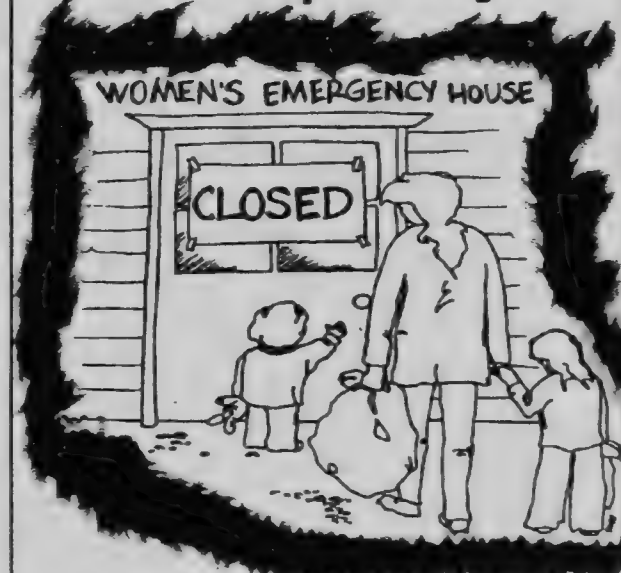
- The Minden Timbersport Committee received a \$1,944 contribution to assist with the construction of bleachers.

- The Minden Mural Committee received a \$2,500 contribution to support the "Painting the Town" project.

- The Arts Committee of the Haliburton County Development Corporation received \$12,000 to assist with the creation of six sculptures, to enhance the image of Haliburton County as an artistic community.

The money for the grants was drawn from excess HCDC operating funds. All the above projects will contribute to the community and economic development of Haliburton County and have been funded in partnership with Industry Canada. If your organization wishes to discuss or make an application to the HCDC, please contact Andy Campbell at 457-3555. The next review of proposals is expected in October 1998.

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Poster Contest Winners

In the front row, from the left: Kayla Manley, first in colour posters; Pamela Dobson, second in black and white posters; Kelly Dobson, third in colour posters; David Brindle, third in black and white posters; Alex Johnston first in black and white posters; Mandy Dennie, appreciation award, and Legion President Eileen Sienko. In the back row: Legion third vice president Brian Ferguson; Youth Education Chairman Ruth Colpitts; Tammie Billings, literary appreciation award; Andy Sayers, literary appreciation award; Tim Petit, second in colour posters; and Lynda Cheong, third in black and white posters.



Public Speaking Winners

In the front: Kayla Manley, third in grades four to six; Melissa Brindle-Smith, first in grades one to three; Shawn Biyxi, second in grades one to three; Brandon Loney, appreciation award, and Camrin Parnell, appreciation award. In the back row: Legion Third Vice President Brian Ferguson; Youth Education Chairman Ruth Colpitts; Amanda Steel, appreciation award; Tammie Billings, second grades four to six; Stacey Robinson third grades four to six; David Brindle first grades four to six; and Legion President Eileen Sienko.

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Trillium Lakelands

School board name gets the nod

The following is a brief summary of items discussed at the March 24 regular meeting of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (#15), held in Bracebridge.

New name approved

The name game appears to have ended, as the school board approved the new monicker, 'Trillium Lakelands District School Board'. The board is now awaiting Education Improvement Commission approval.

The trustees were pleased that the search for the new name was complete. Muskoka Trustee Doris Monahan did however, make a request regarding the new logo for the board. "Let's not use the white trillium for our logo please," said Monahan. "We don't want to be identified with that other governing body." The board expects to hear approval from the EIC in the next few weeks.

"Phantom students" a problem

The school board may be forced to distribute three million dollars in assets to the newly formed French language school boards, established for students whose first language is French. The Education Improvement Commission came up with the figures, based on potential students from the English language board. These "phantom students", as some board members referred to them, are based on the percentage of taxpayers who claim French as their first language and the children they have, or could have in the future.

Superintendent of Finance Al Ingram explained that many boards across the province are not as concerned about the transfer of resources as they have both staff members and school facilities to transfer, where the Trillium Lakelands board has neither and must transfer cash assets. The relocation of resources must be complete by March 31.

If the situation has not been negoti-

ated by this point, the situation will be decided with a dispute resolution, unless talks continue between the language boards. The board has discussed the matter with the French language school boards involved, as well as the Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA). Trustee Bonnie Kennedy put forward a resolution to state that the school board would transfer assets to the french language school board only if actual students transferred from the Trillium Lakelands board.

Victoria Trustee Sharon Summers was adamant about the prospect of handing over three million dollars to the french language board. "We are giving away money for no good reason at all," said Summers. "I don't understand why other boards are not more concerned." Doris Monahan, a trustee from Muskoka echoed Summers' views as she wondered why parents and taxpayers were not also disturbed over this issue. "It surprises me that the public hasn't spoken up about this. The public needs to get in on this and do some letter writing," said Monahan.

The board endorsed the resolution to continue talks with the French language school board, but to clearly state that the board would hand over funds when students transferred to French language boards #56 and #58.

Year round school calendar approved for three Muskoka schools

The Trillium Lakelands School Board approved the 1998-99 alternate school year calendar for three Muskoka elementary schools. Both Bracebridge Public School and Gravenhurst Public School have offered this program for two years, and Hunstville Public School has been involved for the past year.

The longer school year means the school program is spread over an eleven month period from August to June with

holidays in July, October, December and an extended March break. Students have the same amount of time in the classroom as those following a regular school calendar. All of the participating schools offer the program as an option.

The calendar was approved by the school board and will now be sent to the Ministry of Education and Training for approval. Victoria Trustee Sharon Summers suggested that offering alternate or year-round schooling across the board

be added to agenda of the next board meeting scheduled for Lindsay on April 14. "I suggest that year round schooling be put on the agenda for a committee to look into the idea," said Summers.

Acting Director of Education Evelyn Brown suggested the parents and community members who were involved with the original research in Muskoka be invited to explain the rationale behind their decision to adopt a year-round schedule.

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To ensure low income families get the assistance

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Queen's Park Report

by Chris Hodgson, MPP

household income of up to \$40,000 may benefit from this credit.

Helping Working Families

The Child Care Tax Credit is expected to provide benefits to 90,000 families, helping some 125,000 children under the age of seven. As the National Child

Benefit is phased in, the Ontario government will increase the tax credit by a further \$100 million.

How To Apply

To apply for this credit, simply fill out the Ontario Tax Credit form that comes with your 1997 income tax return. Eligible expenses for the credit are the same as those for the existing federal income tax deduction for child-care expenses. Remember to keep your receipts in case Revenue Canada requests them.

Expenses that are covered under other government programs are not eligible. For example, child-care expenses used to calculate social assistance benefits do not qualify.

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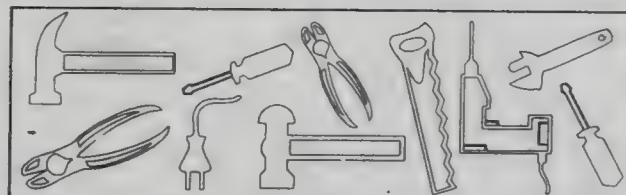
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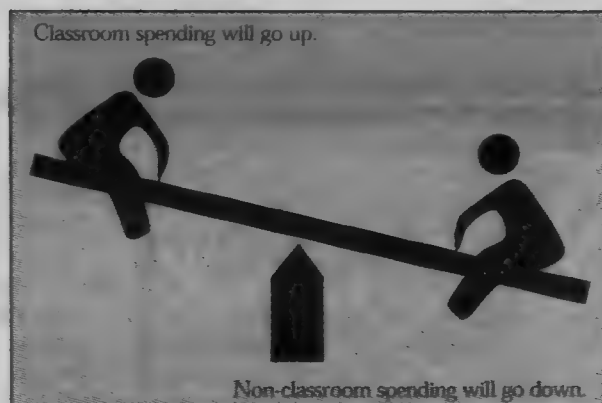
The Government of Ontario has taken another step in reforming the educational system. With the new 'Fair Funding Formula,' classroom spending will increase in every school board next year. By the year 2000 classroom spending will increase by \$583 million. Meanwhile, spending on administration will go

down and funds will be reinvested where they will do the most good: in the classroom with teachers and kids. At the same time, it puts an end to the out-of-control taxing and spending by school boards that has permitted unacceptable increases in education property taxes.

CLASSROOM SPENDING

We're spending more on:

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We believe - as do the early learning specialists we've consulted - that every child in Ontario has the right to the lifelong advantages afforded by early learning opportunities.

That's why the government's new 'Fair Funding Formula' includes full funding of traditional junior kindergarten classes or other early learning programs based on local choices.

Q & A

Q IS THE GOVERNMENT CUTTING EDUCATION SPENDING?

No. That's a myth. Education spending will be stable at over \$13 billion for each of the next three years. When combined with current pension contributions this will total \$14.4 billion in 1998/99. However, the percentage of those funds spent on classroom education will go up - from 61% to 65% of total education spending - while the percentage spent on administration will go down.

Q WILL TEACHERS GET LAID OFF?

By the year 2000, we expect an overall increase in the total number of classroom teachers of approximately 3000, because funding levels for teachers have gone up and are protected under 'classroom spending.'

Q WILL EVERY SCHOOL OFFER JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN NOW?

It's up to them. They'll have the funding to do so. But they'll also have the flexibility to offer an alternative early learning program. Parents and local school boards will make the final decision on which option will serve their needs best.

Q WILL CLASS SIZES GO UP?

Average maximum class sizes have now been capped at 25 for elementary school students and 22 for secondary school students. The government will provide funding for additional teachers hired to meet these new class size requirements.

Q WON'T SCHOOLS BECOME OVERCROWDED?

No. Schools are now funded on a per-pupil basis, so when enrolment goes up, school funding goes up too. This funding can go to adding classes and teachers, and to additional school facilities.

The 'Fair Funding Formula' for education reform. Putting kids first.
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Branch 636 hosts public speaking contests



Bonjour!

Spring is here!! It's a nice thought although we've had a reasonably easy winter. From what I've read and heard, we are in for a long hot summer.

I apologize for missing our last column but will try to make up for it. At this time I wish to thank all my comrades who supported me during a very terrible time. I know Mary would thank you and ask you to keep an eye on me.

Coming Up

Wednesday April 1 - Branch General Meeting, 7:30 p.m. sharp. "Nominations"

Every Tuesday, Euchre - 1:30 - 3:30 in the Games Room, Eric Lewis.

Every Thursday, Euchre - 7:30 - 10:30, Legion Lounge.

Every Monday, 10:00 a.m. - Art Classes with John Lennard.

Wednesday April 8 - Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting "Nominations & Elections".

Friday, April 10th, Good Friday - Legion closed.

Monday April 13, Easter Monday - Kitchen closed.

Wednesday April 15, 7:30 p.m. - "Trivia Night", Legion Lounge. Trivia is always on the third Wednesday of each month.

April 24th to 26 - District F Convention, Oshawa Branch 43.

Wednesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. - Branch Executive Meeting.

Big Buck Euchres details will be posted on our sign board and announced in this column. For more information, Call Bev Johnson.

Don't forget our very popular meat draws every Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

Here is a list of some of the lucky people who have recently won in our meat draws: Gordon Barr of Gooderham; Pete Clark, Minden; Ron Barr, (twice) Gooderham; Joe Rivers, Minden; Fred Stank, Minden; Cal Davison, Blairhampton; Bert Gillies, (three times!) Minden; Carol Hill, Minden; Ted Pipe, Minden; May Bradbury, Minden; Marg Wall, Minden; Georgina Parkes, Horseshoe Lake; Larry McKenzie, South Lake; Bernice Gillies, Minden; Irene Moore, Minden; Norma Douglas, The Valley; Dave Leslie, Mountain Lake; Larry McKenzie, South Lake; Billie Shuyler, Blairhampton; Bev Johnson, Minden; Al DeGraves, Haliburton; Gord Arthur, Minden; Lois

Adamson, Jay Lake; Ross Codlin, Minden Lake; Larry McKenzie, South Lake.

Public Speaking

Francine Newton held two very successful public

Service Clubs

by Alan (Cub) Coneybeare

speaking contests recently at our Branch. Congratulations, Francine on a terrific job! I have the Branch level winners as follows:

Storytelling: first - Kayla Shaw; second - Luc Boisvert; and third Arthur Welborn. **Juniors:** first - Myles Nicholson; second - Ryan Cole; and third - Vannesa Davis. **Intermediate:** first - Josh Wales; second - Chelsea Dunn; and third - Aaron Ketner. Ericka Hicks placed second at District Level for her poem in the Junior Category.

Profiles

This month's profile highlights two of Minden's finest citizens: Comrades Phil and Jane Graham.

Jane - I was born as a summer kid on July 31, 1925 in Strathaven, Scotland. I think it was either a foggy or rainy day. I went to Strathaven Academy and Coatbridge Business College. As a young girl, I was active in Brownies and Girl Guides.

In 1938, I was issued my first gas mask in preparation for the start of World War II in 1939. I worked in Glasgow and later in the Strathaven Post Office. Although there was no bombing in Strathaven, the German bombers flew over on their bombing runs to Glasgow. Rudolph Hess parachuted into Scotland a few miles from our home. I never met Mr. Hess but did know Harry Lauder, the famous singer. He lived in town and visited the Post Office often to get his mail.

I came to Canada in 1947. Phil and I were married in July 1948 and our son, Gordon, was born in December 1948. Our first home in Minden was the Clergy House which was complete with the Chapel. Phil and I performed a few marriages while we were there, however, we don't think they turned out too well - we didn't issue certificates!

Phil - I was born March 20, 1924, the day before spring after a long, cold winter. I went to Minden Continuation School where I was taught by some great

teachers: Miss Sanders was my first teacher, followed by Miss Grimstone (now Nina Prentice, my cousin-in-law), Mr. Hunt, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Curtin (a great Latin teacher), and Mr. Drake (a great woodchuck hunter). I was involved with the Minden First Scout Troop. Vince Fountain was our Scout Master.

World War II started in 1939 when I was 15 years old. I never guessed that I'd be involved. Three years later, I joined the R.C.A.F. and was selected for aircrew. I started training at Queen's University, transferred to #4 Wireless School at Guelph, then on to #4 Bomb and Gunnery School in Fingal. I received my Sparks badge at #4 Wireless School and my W.A.G. Wings at #4 Bomb and Gunnery School.

I was posted overseas after a quick leave home. I started flying training in Britain and started advanced flying and operational training in the Midlands in England. I was posted to Yorkshire for more training and then converted to heavy bomber flying in Halifax's. I was posted to 426 Squadron at Linton in Ouse near York and remained there to the end of the hostilities in May 1945. There was a great party at the end of the war. During the war I took a leave in London, the week the Buzz bombs started, but more interestingly, I took a few leaves up to Scotland, where I met a real cutie, Jane McLaughlin, at a dance in Glasgow. We changed her name in July 1947 and are still going strong after our 50th wedding anniversary!

I started to work for Ontario Hydro in April 1946 in the Lines Department. In 1949 we moved to Haliburton and lived there for six years. Two of us were posted there by Hydro to look after trouble calls, install services and patrol. I also looked after the hydro telephone lines along the tower lines from Minden to Whitney. We moved back to Minden toward the end of 1955. After many projects, including a number of sessions of instructing in Niagara Falls and Orangeville, I retired in 1983 after 37 years of service.

I joined Legion Branch #129 in 1947 and am due for my fifty year pin this year. I am a member of the Arcadia Lodge in Minden and received my fifty year pin last year. I was also Master in 1958. I became an Amateur Radio Operator in the 1950's and have been at that for 45 years (VE3APL). I have been a Weather Observer since 1948 giving me fifty years this November working in this capacity.

Our son, Gordon went to school in Haliburton and then furthered his studies at Western University in London. After completing University, he joined the R.C.M.P., and after several changes and relocations, Gordon and his family moved to South Africa. He is presently working at the Canadian High Commission.

One of our pastimes is travelling. Jane and Gordon made a few trips to Scotland, but I had to stay home and work. After 1970, Jane and I made a few trips. Through the #426 Squadron Association, we travelled from coast to coast in Canada visiting and attending reunions in all provinces except P.E.I. and Newfoundland.

We also participated in some good reunions "Back to Base" in Yorkshire. We've also made trips to the west including Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji and to the east to Malta, Cypress, Israel and Italy.

The best trip we had was to South Africa to visit Gordon for one month. We then travelled to Western Australia, to Sydney and on around the world - via Hawaii - home. That's a "once in a lifetime" opportunity. It is now 1998 and there are a lot of great places yet to visit. We hope to travel some more - health permitting.

Post script

At this time I've got to tell a story about Phil and my Uncle, Lance Easton.

When I was a young lad, Phil and Lance were often called upon by my mother to babysit me. Apparently on many occasions, the guys discovered my dad's liquor cabinet the contents of which they frequently imbibed, sometimes losing me in the process and actually losing themselves out in the swamp parallel to our house. However, we all survived. Just a period in time I'll never forget.

That's it for this time, so until the next column, thanks a lot!

Cub

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Spring creeps over the window sill

Hello everyone. Are you ready for spring? The signs are here. Crows making themselves heard once again, geese enjoying the Gull River. Today, as this is being written, rain is washing away the snow. Even spotted the occasional flash of lightning. Let's hope spring decides to stay with us and old man winter has gone. Only time will tell. It will be great to see everything "greening up" once more. Meanwhile, we content ourselves inside with our activities and entertainment.

On March 20th our Happy Hour was much enjoyed with the music of a wonderful group "Gentlemen of Song". This group hails from Wilberforce, and consists of ten gentlemen and two ladies. One of the ladies provides the music on piano while the other lady conducts. We had a great time and we hope they will return at some time in the future.

Over the weekend there were quite a few visitors to our home. Ann Knight and her "country canines" were here. Thank you, Ann, for allowing us the opportunity of enjoying your lovely shelties. Also, Bert Bonnell provided some beautiful music on piano. Rowland Sedgewick, who has been ill recently, was visited by his daughters. Reverend Burgess arrived for pastoral visitations. We are glad to see him improving after his eye surgery.

Welcome back Linda. We know that the weather wasn't always the best, but we're glad to hear you enjoyed your vacation. Also, we're very relieved that the "winds" didn't take you away.

Tom McAllister is now back home after his surgery and we hear he is improving greatly.

Also, Robbie has been discharged from Sunnybrook. He will be at the Haliburton Hospital for another week or so. Keep up the good work, Robbie. We look forward to having you

Senior League

by the Roving Reporters

with us once again.

Tuesday afternoon, Kim Hicks, our dietician, presented "Fibre Facts" to us. We found her presentation very interesting and informative. Thank you Kim.

Bessie Burke had a young visitor, Myles Nicholson. We also benefit from this young man, who delights us with his wonderful talent on the piano. He delivers the most beautiful renditions. We hope he will continue his music.

Hurray! We participated in our first bus trip of the year. On Wednesday, March 25th, some of us visited the deer feeding area at Brady Lake. It was great to be out and about again, running the roads. We look forward to planning future trips.

Our craft group is now keeping busy preparing for Easter. Won't be long now.

Today is our Birthday Tea and we are expecting folks from Hunter Creek Estate to host it. Our thanks to them.

Before we sign off, a reminder to keep an eye to the classifieds for an announcement on our upcoming fund raiser "Country Music Jamboree", May 30th. All country musicians are welcome to participate.

A five day weather forecast for Minden and the Highlands is just a click away at <http://www.mindentimes.on.ca>

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LUTTERWORTH PUBLIC NOTICE

File # SR-17/97

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Lutterworth, proposes to enact a by-law to stop up, close and convey to the abutting property owner a portion of the original allowance for road set out and described as follows:

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THE PROPOSED BY-LAW will come before the said Council for consideration at its Regular Meeting at the Municipal Office, located three miles south of Minden on Highway #35, on the 23rd day of April, 1998, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

DATED at the Township of Lutterworth this 24th day of March, 1998.

Mary Jane Irwin, A.M.C.T.,
Clerk-Treasurer,
Township of Lutterworth,
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Around the County Town

by Nora Snyder (call 286-4425)

Well, what do you think?
Should we mention spring?

Maybe if we leave it at just that mention, we won't jinx it this time. Speaking of "that season in question", I had a letter today from a friend who moved to Nova Scotia last fall and she writes of a burning desire for "it" to come. It has been a long winter for her on her country property, a long way from home. She kept herself busy though by making bird feeders out of diverse materials, meeting new people and she even took up knitting! When she took up gardening in Guelph in the years before leaving for the east, we, her friends could not believe it as she was the least domestic of anyone we had ever known. Just goes to show ---- I was so happy to read she is doing so well settling in. Her descriptions reminded me of my first year here as I learned about Minden.

The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group is meeting on Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m., at the Minden Library. The guest speaker is J. A. David Lorente. He will be speaking about Home Children of Canada. He will also be offering advice regarding finding families. There are a number of Home Children who have settled in this area. So anyone who is interested in the subject, please come out to hear this very knowledgeable speaker.

I will be there if I am able, as I had a most interesting incident happen at my B&B breakfast table last year. Two couples were staying here one night. They did not know each other and did not meet until they were sitting at the breakfast table the next morning. I had asked one of the couples the night before if they wanted porridge for breakfast. They said they would. As I served them, the other couple came down and I offered them a bowl also. As I walked into the kitchen to fill their order, I heard the first gentlemen say, as a youth he made porridge every morning for 150 people. The other man asked why. He replied that he had been in an orphanage in England as a boy before he came to Canada as a Bernardo Child, and his job was to make the porridge every morning.

There was a stunned silence before the other man said he had the same story. They had not been at the same orphanage but both men shared the same fate. Usually guests are gone from here after they have eaten breakfast but these two couples stayed talking on into the day, comparing stories and making connections. It was quite an experience!!! I felt very good to be a part of their discovery of

each other.

Speaking of greetings from afar: The Times OnLine received an email asking us to pass on birthday greetings to Tom Hurtta, a residents at Parkside Apartments. Tom is 88 today (March 30). According to Lynn MacDonald who sent the greeting, "We think he is a pretty special guy." Happy Birthday Tom!

At Stanhope Firehall, on March 18th, there were seven tables of Bid Euchre players all wearing coats! Someone had forgotten to fill the tank with oil and the furnace had gone off! Thanks to two council members, heat was restored and the group carried on to have an enjoyable day of cards. There were great scores in spite of the cold! For the women, Jean Scadden had 280, Edith Burch 261, and Marjorie Cowen 257. For the men, Bill Milford had 311, Marcel Roussel 309, and Ken Wallace 308. Hidden Score, 183, was won by Helen Windsor. There were five moon shots won by Ken Wallace, Maureen LaPlante, Gayle McConnell, Garth Windsor and Jean Scadden.

The next evening, on March 19, the crowd at the Minden Legion enjoyed a fun round of Euchre. The scoring went like this: most lone hands: men and women were Pat Scadden and Sharon Evans; high score, men and women were the team of Pat and Marcel Roussel; low man and low woman were Ann McCorte and Ed Hisson. Other prizes were won by Tod Edgson, Orval Francis, Helen Lee and Pat Roussel.

Cite Libre, the Quebec magazine defending Canadian unity, which Pierre Trudeau helped found in 1951, is available at the Minden Library. Fortunately for those of us who are not bilingual, this edition is printed in English. The Minden Library has a subscription for a year beginning with the February-March issue. This subscription was donated by a group of seven Minden men who wish to remain anonymous. Thank you to this group. It is a great thing to have this resource in our community. Pierre Trudeau and Gerald Pelletier founded the publication to attack Maurice Duplessis, the then Quebec nationalist premier, and to urge the modernizing of that province. It folded in 1965 but Mr. Trudeau brought it back to life in 1991. It is a voice for liberal democracy and federalism. Drop in at the Library and

have a look at this periodical which is attempting to bridge the gap between the two solitudes by publishing the articles in French and English editions.

Last Monday, St. Paul's Friendship had five full tables of card players. Ellen Holden won lone hand; Gladys Wruth was high woman and Ken Rowden was high man. (sorry for the misspelling of Ken's name last week!); hidden score was won by Laura Carnegie and low score was won by Bill Mosley. Fern Donnelly won the 50/50 draw.

Work is moving right along at the St. Paul's Church these days. I am sure it will be done before we know it!! It is hard for me to realize that Brian and Joan are leaving tomorrow. March, let alone the five years we have been neighbours, has gone so fast!!! Best wishes-from the heart.

Also last Monday Club 35 had a good evening of cards. Ivan Kernohan won the 50/50 draw; lone hands, Alvin Cowen; high woman, Rhoda Woolner; and high man Cliff Woolner; low woman, Jean Randell; low man, Alf Whyman; baloney, Helen Windsor.

Last week at the Stanhope Bridge Club played at the Library, Stan Hill came first and he was also the player on the run! There were 11 players there that day so someone had to play the fourth hand at the third table. The "dummy" was often Stan so he was playing all over the room and bidding like crazy!! Because of all

that running around Ross Fletcher was sabotaged and did not make the winners circle this week. From Number One to out of the running! The Hansens didn't let Stan get them down as Morris came second and Wynne was third.

Numbers are still up at the Lochlin Community Centre. There was another good turnout last Tuesday evening. Men's high was Murray MacKinnon; men's low was Don Hicks; women's high was Isabe Saunders; women's low, Rheta Crofts. The 50/50 draw was won by Gerald Hicks and lone hands by Bruce O'Brien.

Marg McAfee was back this week to phone in the scores for The Senior Bid Euchre at the Minden Legion played on March 24. Jack Chilton had done the job well in Marg's absence!! The high winners were Howard Smith, Ida Young and Marcel Roussel. Hidden score was won by Elva Paisley. There were seven moon shots, so as Marg said, the Legion didn't make any money that night. The seven winners were Walter Ackerblade, Marcel Roussel, Bess Cox, Sharon Evans, Jean Scadden, Marg McAfee and Grace Dixon. Wow!! What a group!!!

It looks like a busy week coming up. Lots to do in our community. I also am feeling that need to get at the spring cleaning in preparation for the busy season. Not my favourite task but unfortunately a necessary one. I know a lot of us will be busy with mop and pail!!



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Merv and Marg

Words cannot express the appreciation I feel for all the support given to my grandson, Brad, while he was in Toronto and Lindsay hospitals. A special thanks to Jenny, June, Debbie and Peter for being with him. Thanks too for the rides to Lindsay and Toronto to visit Brad. The cards even from Vancouver and fruit baskets along with all the many wishes for his recovery have been a great source of comfort. Thank you to Pastor Wicks for his drive to Toronto and to Pastor Murray for his visits. Thanks to all the churches that gave prayers for Brad, also to friends at Stanworth Court for gifts of food and get well wishes. Brad is now home and recovering very well.

Audrey Trumbull

Thank you to all our friends and relatives who participated in making our surprise 25th Anniversary Dance a real success. We really appreciated it and had a great time. The cards and gifts were very special. Also thank you to everyone who helped with food donations. A special thank you to: David, Marsha, Julie, Marilyn, Emily & Mike, Vicky, Doni, Lori-Lynn, and Allison. Sorry if anyone was missed on the guest list.

Thank you, Dave and Dana Lee.

CARDS OF THANKS

I would like to thank my family for a beautiful 80th Birthday Party on March 21st at the Stanhope Fire Hall, and also to everyone who worked so hard preparing food. Special thanks to Dave and Darlene Johnson for a job well done and to Eleanor Kleinschmidt and Paula Thorn who worked hard decorating the hall and serving the buffet. It truly was beautiful! Jamie Bacon, your music was super! Thank you everyone for the cards and gifts and to all who travelled so far in such weather. I will cherish this party forever! Thank you all!

Doris Redner

AT REST

GILLIES,

Bertram Thomas (Bert)
Suddenly at Minden Hospital on Wednesday, March 25th, 1998 in his 87th year. Beloved husband of Bernice (nee Thompson), dear brother-in-law of Herb Gibson, dear uncle of John Gibson, Gord Gibson and Cathy Lavalley, fondly remembered by the Thompson family. Friends visited the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden on Saturday, March 28th from 12:30 until the time of the Memorial and Legion Services at 1:30 p.m. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund or to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636 would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST

GALLEN,

Patrick (Pat)

Suddenly at Wilberforce, Ontario on Friday March 27, 1998 in his 87th year. Beloved husband of the late Phyllis Dempsey. Lovingly remembered by his sister-in-law Nadine Dempsey of Consecon and brother-in-law Bruce Graham of Ameliasburg. Sadly missed by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his brother James. Also lovingly remembered by his extended family in Ireland. Friends were invited to call at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home Hwy #118, Haliburton Ontario, on Sunday, March 29, 1998 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel was held Monday March 30, at 11 o'clock. Spring Internment South Wilberforce Cemetery, Wilberforce. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund or the Haliburton Highland Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. A legion service was held Sunday March 29 at the funeral home.

AT REST

PLUMLEY, Heather

Passed away at her residence in Minden on Tuesday, March 24th, 1998 in her 56th year. Loving mother of Daryl, Teri, Kevin, Nicole and loving nanny of Shawn and Danny. Dear friend of Robert McNab. At Heather's request, there will be no Service. Cremation has taken place. In memory of Heather, a gathering of family and friends will take place at the home of Teri Ariganello in Lisle, Ontario. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden, Ontario, KOM 2K0 (1-888-588-5777)

IN MEMORIAM

BARRAS, Breanna Morgan
God's Little Angel - March 26, 1992

They say memories are golden, Well maybe that is true; But we never wanted memories, We only wanted you.

Loving you always, Mum-Mum (Judy), Nanna & Poppa Trumbull, Uncle Myles & Aunt Sandra, Tyler and Jenna.

FRANCIS, Carl S.

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandpa, Carl S. Francis, who passed away April 3rd, 1992.

We often think of bygone days, When we were all together; The family chain is broken now, But memories will live forever. To us, he has not gone away, Nor has he travelled far; Just entered God's eternal home, And left the gate ajar. Sadly missed, but lovingly remembered by your wife, Ruby and all our family.

HARRISON, Wayne

In memory of our dear friend who left us April 2, 1992

You are still in our hearts. Love Kevin, Lynn, Daren and Donna

SISSON, Murray

In loving memory of my son, brother, and uncle, Murray, who went to be with His Lord on March 30, 1986.

Always a smile, instead of a frown, Always a hand, when one was down; Always true, thoughtful and kind, Wonderful memories he left behind.

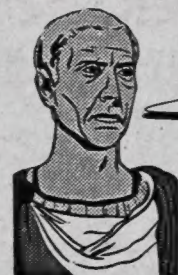
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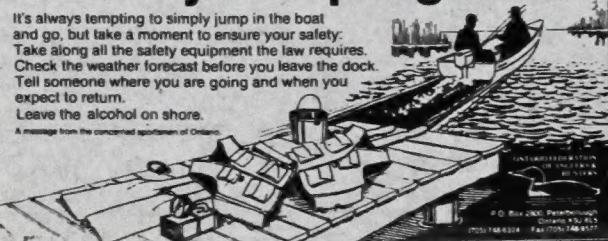
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